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## ESTABLISH ANIMAL PRODUCTS CLEARING HOUSE; PROMOTE TRADE FAIR PREPARATIONS

SET UP NEW LEATHER-PURCHASING ORGANIZATION -- Izgrev, No 1734, 16 May 50

Following a recent decree of the Council of Ministers, the Kozhetsentrala State Leather Enterprise will cease operations and merge with the Mesotsentrala Central Meat Enterprise of the Ministry of Internal Trade. The latter will now be in charge of buying all types of animal hides and waste products for industrial use. The Central Cooperative Union will share in the work as a contracting agency.

State farms and cooperative and other public organizations, except Farm Workers' Cooperatives, are directed to deliver the raw hides of their cattle, pigs, and horses not later than 2 days after securing them.

Cooperative and trade enterprises are not authorized to process hides, with the exception of organizations provided with a special permit from the Central Cooperative Union, and working under the provisions of the economic plan.

Farmers in possession of pig and dog hides may process them in cooperative or state enterprises if they pay a tax in cash.

The hides delivered to state and cooperative processing enterprises will be compensated for in kind according to the norms established by the decree, or returned to the owners, if the latter so wish.

The hides may not be returned before the conclusion of processing operations, and not earlier than 15 June 1950.

The exchange rates include compensations ranging from 50 percent in processed hides to shoe leather, soles, rubber and linen sandals, and litter for pigs and cattle.

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Meat supplying enterprises, state farms, and other public organizations, except Farm Workers' Cooperatives, are excluded from the exchange.

SPUR INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR INTEREST -- Izgrev, No 1736, 18 May 50

Preparations for the International Trade Fair to be held in Plovdiv from 3 to 17 September are already in full swing. The USSR and the People's Democracies will have official pavilions and will display new goods and machines. Other countries also will have booths at the exposition. The purchase of many articles of foreign and domestic production will be made accessible to the working class at reasonable prices.

Bulgarian railroads will of er visitors a 50-percent fare reduction.

An extensive program of entertainment and various telebrations will take place during the fair.

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